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FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: STATEMENT IN UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

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1. FOLLOWING (PARA 2) IS AN EXCERPT FROM THE STATEMENT
MADE BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AM APRIL 26
(SEPTEL) IN THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. EXCERPT WAS MADE
ON BEHALF OF THE FIVE AND WAS CLEARED IN ADVANCE BY THE
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CONTACT GROUP. EXCERPT CONSISTS OF CLARIFICATION BY THE
FIVE ON SEVERAL ISSUES WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED IN THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE AND IN THE WAKE OF VORSTER'S
STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT.

2. TEXT OF EXCERPT FOLLOWS:
UNDERSTANDABLY, A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED

IN THE DEBATE AND IN THE WAKE OF THE COMMENTS MADE IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT ON 24 APRIL I WOULD LIKE TO STATE THE FOLLOWING IN THE NAME OF THE FIVE:

OUR PROPOSALS ARE COMPREHENSIVELY, CLEARLY AND FIRMLY ON THE PUBLIC RECORD. WE HAVE MADE NO SEPARATE AND PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ANY OF THE PARTIES.

CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS FROM NAMIBIA, THE FIVE HAVE INFORMED ONE OF THE PARTIES ON 24 APRIL THAT THEY DID NOT INTEND TO CHANGE THEIR PROPOSAL. THEY REPEATED A STATEMENT WHICH THEY HAD ALREADY MADE TO ALL PARTIES IN IDENTICAL TERMS, IN WHICH THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY MIGHT EXPRESS THEIR OPINION ON THE QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES. THEY ADDED THAT THE FIVE GOVERNMENTS WOULD TAKE SUCH VIEWS CAREFULLY INTO ACCOUNT AND WOULD EXPECT OTHERS TO DO THE SAME, BUT ONLY ON THE STRICT UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS WOULD NOT RESULT IN ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD IMPERIL THE ATTAINMENT OF INDEPENDENCE IN THE MANNER ENVISAGED IN THE PROPOSAL. THEY ALSO OBSERVED, THAT THEY DID NOT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE TO ANYONE'S ADVANTAGE TO HAVE THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY CONCERN ITSELF WITH MATTERS OTHER THAN THE DRAFTING OF THE CONSTITUTION.

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ANOTHER QUESTION THAT HAS ARISEN CONCERNS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL. IT IS THE VIEW OF THE FIVE THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP WILL CLEARLY BE OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE. THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO AVOID RESURRECTING THE LEGAL DISPUTES OVER NAMIBIA. WE SEE THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AS HAVING TWO MAIN ROLES. HE WILL BE THE WATCHDOG OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AND THE GUARANTOR THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BE RESPECTED BY SOUTH AFRICA AND BY ALL PARTIES. THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE SHALL HAVE TO SATISFY HIMSELF AT EACH STAGE AS TO THE FAIRNESS AND APPROPRIATENESS OF ALL MEASURES EFFECTING THE POLITICAL PROCESS AT ALL LEVELS OF THE ADMINISTRATION BEFORE SUCH MEASURES TAKE EFFECT. WE HOPE THAT HE WILL BUILD UP A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL, SO THAT, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, DISPUTES BETWEEN THE TWO OFFICIALS CAN BE SETTLED INFORMALLY. WHILE THE SECURITY COUNCIL MUST REMAIN VIGILANT TO INSURE THAT THE AGREEMENT IS RESPECTED, WE BELIEVE THAT THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BE LEFT TO GET ON WITH THE JOB, USING THE BROAD TERMS OF REFERENCE WITH WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL

ENTRUST HIM.

CONCERNING QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE POLICE, I WOULD
LIKE TO RECALL THE UNCHANGED PROVISION OF THE PROPOSAL
WHICH SAYS, THAT PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING
LAW AND ORDER IN NAMIBIA DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD
SHALL REST WITH THE EXISTING POLICE FORCES. LARGELY
AS A RESULT OF REPRESENTATIONS MADE
TO US DURING THE PROXIMITY TALKS IN NEW YORK, WE ADDED
AN ADDITIONAL PROVISION TO THE EFFECT THAT THE ADMINISTRA-
TOR-GENERAL, TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, SHALL INSURE THE GOOD CONDUCT OF
THE POLICE FORCES AND SHALL TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION
TO INSURE THE SUITABILITY FOR CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT DURING
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THE TRANSITION PERIOD. THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE SHALL

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MAKE ARRANGEMENTS, WHEN APPROPRIATE, FOR UNITED NATIONS PERSONNEL TO ACCOMPANY THE POLICE FORCES IN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES. THE POLICE FORCES WOULD BE LIMITED TO THE CARRYING OF SMALL ARMS IN THE NORMAL PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

IT SHOULD BE BORN IN MIND IN THIS CONNECTION, THAT THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WILL TAKE STEPS TO GUARANTEE AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF INTIMIDATION OR INTERFERENCE WITH THE ELECTORAL PROCESS FROM WHATEVER QUARTER. THE PROPOSAL PROVIDES FOR A SUBSTANTIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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UNITED NATIONS PRESENCE, BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY, TO BE LED BY THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE. MR. PRESIDENT, THIS CONCLUDES THAT PART OF MY STATEMENT WHICH I MADE ON BEHALF OF THE FIVE. YOUNG

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